

BICYCLES, SKATEBOARDS AND SCOOTERS

CHAPTER 66

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66-1. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

SKATEBOARD - A short, narrow board having one set of two or more wheels mounted under it.

SCOOTER - A vehicles consisting of a long foot board between two end wheels, controlled by an upright steering handle attached to the front wheel.

WAY - Any road, street, avenue, boulevard, court, parking lot or way legally accepted for maintenance and dedicated public use by the legislative authority of the state and/or city.

SIDEWALK - That portion of a public highway between the curb and the adjacent property lines.

66-2. Bicycle Registration Required; Non Transferability.

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to ride or operate any bicycle upon any way within the City of Dover without first having registered the same with the Police Department. In order to be registered, a bicycle shall:

- (1) Be in good, safe mechanical condition.
- (2) Be equipped with an audible signaling device and adequate brakes.
- (3) Have a distinctive identification marker or serial number.

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- B. Any owner or person having the custody and control over any bicycle registered in accordance with the provisions hereof, shall not attach any registration sticker to any bicycle other than that to which it is assigned. Fees and periods of registration shall be established by the Chief of Police.

66-3. Operation of Bicycles. [Amended 05-16-2001 by Ord. No. 11-01]

All bicycles shall be ridden or operated in accordance with all pertinent chapters of the New Hampshire Revised Statute Annotated.

66-4. Operation of Skateboards and Scooters.

- A. The operation of skateboards and scooters shall be permitted within the City of Dover except on the ways and sidewalks and other public areas in the downtown vicinity specifically defined as follows: [Amended 02-17-99 by Ord. No. 22-98]

Central Avenue from New York Street southerly to Silver Street

Washington Street from Belknap Street easterly to Main Street

First Street

Second Street

Third Street from Central Avenue westerly to Chestnut Street

Fourth Street from Central Avenue westerly to Chestnut Street

Fifth Street from Central Avenue westerly to Chestnut Street

Sixth Street from Central Avenue westerly to Chestnut Street

Chestnut Street

Walnut Street

Locust Street from Washington Street southerly to Silver Street

Henry Law Avenue from Washington Street southerly to George Street

River Street

Water Street

Young Street

Main Street

Portland Avenue from Main Street to Cocheco Street

School Street

Mechanic Street

Chapel Street

St. John Street

Broadway from Central Avenue northerly to St. John Street

Pierce Street

Franklin Court

Preble Street

Trombley Street

William Street

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Hale Street
St. Thomas Street
Orchard Street
Waldron Court
Fayette Street
Green Street
The entire Cocheco Riverwalk
All City Parking Lots
Henry Law Park

Except for the City owned Skate Park area adjacent to River Street between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., except when school is in session when it may be used only by adults or by minors with parental or legal guardian supervision.

- B. All skateboards and scooters shall be ridden or operated with due care with regard for rules governing pedestrian and pedestrian safety.
- C. Reflective Material Required. During the hours of darkness (1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise), any person operating a skateboard, rollerblades, scooter, or roller skates, shall be required to have reflective material, and shall be worn/displayed so that it is visible to vehicle headlights.
[Added 09-17-97 by Ord. No. 18-97]

66-5. Violations and Penalties. [Amended 07-17-96 by Ord. No. 08-96]

- A. Any person 16 years of age or older found violating this chapter shall be guilty of a violation and shall be fined no more than fifty dollars (\$50.) for a first offense and no more than one hundred dollars (\$100.) for subsequent offenses.
- B. Any person under the age of 16 found in violation of this chapter may have their bicycle, skateboard, or scooter impounded by the Police Department for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days. When a bicycle, skateboard or scooter is impounded by the Police Department pursuant to this section, the owner of said item impounded may within two (2) days, request a hearing on the impoundment which shall be heard by the Chief of Police or his designee. Said hearing shall be conducted within two (2) days following a request, weekends and holidays excluded. The person holding the hearing may uphold, overturn or modify the term of impoundment. Following the hearing, the Chief of Police or his designee shall render a decision and notify the owner by letter within two (2) days.